Training programmes by Public Sector Units

1440. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether public sector units under his Ministry have been spending significant amount on training programmes;

(b) whether a two day seminar on training for attitudinal charge and work culture in public enterprises have also criticised for not having full training programme; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) Like most other undertakings in the public sector, the public enterprises under the administrative control of the Ministry of Industry train and re-train their employees at various levels in accordance with their commercial and organisational requirements and incur such expenditure on training as may be necessary.

(b) Presumably, the Hon'ble Member is referring to a seminar recently conducted by Foundation for Organisational Research, a privately run training-cum-research institute, in which the need and modalities of change in the attitudes and work culture in public enterprises were, *inter alia*, discussed. The final recommendations of this seminar have not been received by Government so far.

(c) Does not arise, in view of (b) above.

Three-member Election Commission

1441. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 633 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether any decision to set-up a three member poll Panel in place of the present one man Election Commission in the country has since been taken; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Not yet, Sir.

(b) The discussion with the political parties on the proposals for electoral reforms have not yet taken place.

Importing rigs from foreign countries

1442. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 309 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether the imported rigs have some technical advantage over indigenous rigs;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) if not, what are the reasons for importing the rigs from foreign countries; and

(d) by what date the 22 rigs proposed to be imported for exploration drilling are likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Import of rigs is generally made if the rigs are not manufactured indigenously, or the domestic price is not competitive and they are unable to meet the scheduled delivery.

. (d) 16 rigs have already been commissioned and the remaining 6 rigs are likely to be commissioned by April, 1988.

Increasing the commission on petrol oil and diesel

1443. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the petrol dealers' commission on lubricants in 1960, 1970, 1977 and 1986;

(b) how much is the evaporation loss on petrol at the dealers' site;

(c) whether the oil company or the dealers has to bear the evaporation loss; and

(d) whether there is any move by Government to increase the commission on petrol, oil and diesel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Prior to 30-6-1976, petroleum dealers were allowed to sell lubricating oils at prices depending upon what the market could bear. In June 1976, the profits (dealers' Commission) varied from 15 per cent to 30 per cent of the turn over. With effect from 1-7-76, the dealers' Commission has been fixed at Rs. 1200 per KL for retail outlets falling within the free delivery zone and the same continues till date. The outlets beyond this zone are compensated additionally for transportation expenses.

(b) and (c) Based on industry's recommendation on the evaporation loss actually suffered by the dealers, evaporation loss ranging from 0.5 per cent to 0.75 per cent is included in the dealers' commission on petrol and is recovered from the consumer.

(d) No, Sir. The dealers' commission on petrol and diesel is automatically revised with changes in prices as per the existing formula.

SC/ST Instrumentation Limited

1444. SHRI T. K. C. VADHUTHALA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the representation given to members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in various cadres of appointments in Instrumentation Limited Kanzikhode West and the number of staff in each category as on 31st March, 1987 vis-a-vis the general category;

(b) whether the principle of reservation is followed in the initial recruitment to each cadre in the Fliud Control Research Institute Kanzikhode West and if so, what is the precentage fixed for such appointments; and

(c) What is the number of employees under the reserved category working in each cadre with reference to the total number of sanctioned strength as on 31st March, 1987 in the establishment of Fluid Control Research Institute Kanzikhode, West Palghat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. K. K. TEWARY): (a) The information with regard to IL, Palghat (Kanzikhode) is given below:—

	Gp. 'A'	Gp. 'B'	Gp. 'C'	Gp. 'D'
(i) General category	52	8	296	78
(ii) Scheduled Castes	..	..	18	3
(iii) Scheduled Tribes ..	..	..	1	2